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1. FOLLOWING DRAFT AGENDA FOR OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING
EMERGED FROM SECOND DISCUSSION BY HEADS OF DELEGATION
ON APRIL 15. SECGEN HOPES TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON THIS
DRAFT AT NEXT HEADS OF DEL MEETING ON APRIL 29 AND TO
CIRCULATE IT THEREAFTER AS FINAL AGENDA.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. POLICIES OF OECD COUNTRIES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC
CONTEXT

(A) COMMODITIES

(B) RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

(C) ENERGY

(D) TRADE AND FINANCING QUESTIONS

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2. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROSPECTS AND POLICIES OF
OECD COUNTRIES

(A) THE CURRENT SITUATION

(B) MEDIUM TERM PROBLEMS

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3. COMMUNIQUE

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL C(75)-- END TEXT

2. MISSION COMMENT: WE CONSIDER THE ABOVE DRAFT AGENDA
ADEQUATELY REFLECTS INTENTION TO HAVE SECRETARY AND OTHER
FOREIGN MINISTERS PRESENT ON THE FIRST DAY ADDRESS THEM-
SELVES IN AN INTEGRATED FASHION TO ENTIRE
RANGE OF PROBLEMS AFFECTING ECONOMIC
COOPERATION AMONG THE OECD COUNTRIES AND THEIR
POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS. CONTINUED PRESENCE OF "TRADE AND
FINANCING QUESTIONS" UNDER ITEM I REFLECTS US REP'S
DESIRE TO LEAVE AGENDA FOR FIRST DAY AS BROAD AS POSSIBLE
DESPITE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL EUROPEAN REPS THAT
THEIR FOREING MINISTERS WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO
DISCUSS FINANCIAL ISSUES AND THEIR PREFERENCE THAT THIS
BE LEFT FOR SECOND DAY.

POINTING OUT THAT THERE COULD BE NO MEANINGFUL DISCUSS-
ION OF TRADE PLEDGE, FOR EXAMPLE, WITHOUT REFERENCE
TO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONTEXT, VAN LENNEP MADE CLEAR
THAT HE ENVISAGED DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL ISSUES IN
BROAD POLITICO/ECONOMIC CONTEXT ON FIRST DAY
WHILE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL TRENDS WOULD BE
HELD ON SECOND DAY.
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